

causes around the world. In 1967, Mike set up several companies in Israel to help put the country on the fast track to success. In Bosnia, Sonja and Mike have done incredible work. Undeterred by the front line proximity to the fighting, they buy and rebuild damaged homes in the ravaged country to provide shelter for those who are most needy. Mike actually strapped on his tool belt and grabbed a hammer to help. This is a man of great determination who is unable to sit by and watch his dream being built by others. They also provide food and other basic needs to grateful Bosnians.

While working with a group that brings humanitarian aid to all walks of life in Bosnia, Mike came across a family who had to wade across a river in order to rebuild their home on the other side. Efforts to rebuild the bridge had been thwarted by conflicts with Serbs in the area. Mike offered his finances and services and the bridge was built. Several families have used the bridge to help rebuild their homes.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Sonja and Mike Saltman on the floor of the House today. Through their promotion of peace, understanding and compassion throughout the world, they have built many bridges, traversing great spans that bring people, ideas and dreams together.

IN HONOR OF JUSTICE ADRIAN HARDIMAN OF THE SUPREME COURT OF IRELAND AND JUSTICE YVONNE MURPHY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF IRELAND

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor, welcome and recognition of Justice Adrian Hardiman of the Supreme Court of Ireland and Justice Yvonne Murphy of the Circuit Court of Ireland—united in marriage and also in their quest for truth and justice—and I welcome them both to Cleveland, Ohio, on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2006.

For the past twenty-seven years, Tim Collins and Thomas Scanlon have organized the St. Patrick's Day Party and Parade, a joyous event that brings people together in the heart of Cleveland and is one that promotes and preserves the treasured traditions of their beloved Irish homeland. Once again, Euclid Avenue will spring to life as a sea of green and the spirited sound of drums and bagpipes begin their march along our city streets. This enchanted day promises old friendships renewed, the discovery of new ones, and serves as a living bridge that transcends space and time, connecting the north coast of Cleveland to the shores of the Emerald Isle.

Justice Adrian Hardiman was born in Dublin and was called to the Bar in 1974, the Inner Bar as Senior Counsel in 1989, and was appointed to the Supreme Court in 2000. Justice Hardiman continues to be actively involved in social issues in Ireland. He speaks fluent Irish and is an advocate within the Court on behalf of the rights of those who speak native Irish. In 1974, Justice Hardiman married Justice Yvonne Murphy, judge of the Circuit Court of Ireland. They have three sons. Justice Murphy was born in Donegal and was a practicing bar-

rist in County Donegal until being appointed as Judge of the Circuit Court in 1998. She has worked as a journalist in both print and radio mediums and is the author of several books, including "Journalism and the Law" and "Insider Dealing". Justice Murphy is chairwoman of the Irish Association of Women Judges.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor of the Honorable Justice Adrian Hardiman and the Honorable Justice Yvonne Murphy, for joining us in Cleveland as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Please also join me in recognition of Tim Collins and Thomas Scanlon for organizing this wondrous St. Patrick's Day party this year, as they have for the past 27 years. "Ni dheanfaidh smaoinemh an treabhadh duit—You'll never plough a field by turning it over in your mind"—Old Irish Proverb.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM ANZALONE AS HE RECEIVES THE SWINGLE AWARD FROM THE PITTSBURGH FRIENDLY SONS OF SAINT PATRICK

### HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend Attorney William Anzalone of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, who is being honored by the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Greater Pittston as the recipient of their annual Swingle Award.

Mr. Anzalone owns and operates Anzalone Law Offices, a personal injury trial practice with offices in Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.

A past president of the Luzerne County Bar Association, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association and the Luzerne County Bar Charitable Foundation, he has received certification by the National Board of Trial Advocacy and the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Attorney Anzalone has been chosen by his peers for the title of "Super Lawyer" for the past three years, a distinction that places him in the top five percent of practicing lawyers in Pennsylvania.

Bill has served numerous civic organizations. He is a past president of the Wilkes-Barre Chapter of UNICO, having chaired its annual football game for several years. He currently serves as chairman of UNICO's gift committee.

He is a past member of the board of directors of the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, the Lackawanna Junior College, the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry and Leadership Wilkes-Barre.

In 2005, he was inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame due to his performance as a defensive back on Temple University's football team.

Bill is married to the former Tina Medico and they are the parents of three beautiful children.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Attorney Anzalone on this auspicious occasion. Attorney Anzalone's contributions to his community speak for themselves. His commitment to service is an inspiration to all.

CONGRATULATING THE DALLAS/FORT WORTH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate The Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport for being named the best cargo airport in the world by Air Cargo World magazine.

Based on an evaluation by survey participants, the winner is chosen from the categories of performance, value, facilities and operations. The survey was announced in Air Cargo World in the March 6th issue.

The Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport soared above tough competition in order to earn the title of "World's Best Cargo Airport." Not only has the airport been experiencing impressive growth this past year, they have also done so while maintaining excellence as a top priority.

As a representative of part of the DFW Airport, and a frequent traveler between DFW and Washington Reagan, I am grateful to know that they have earned such a wonderful distinction of excellence.

I extend my sincere congratulations to the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and its CEO Jeff Fegan, for their demand for quality and merit, as well as their integral role in securing our citizens.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN LEGION BOULDER CITY POST 31

### HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor American Legion Boulder City Post 31 which celebrates its 87th birthday this month.

American Legion Boulder City Post 31 was organized October 12, 1931 by WWI Veterans working on the Hoover Dam project, with a charter membership of over 400. The permanent charter was granted March 28, 1932.

After being without their own building for several years, the members decided to construct a permanent home for Post 31. They made extensive use of volunteer labor, including many recently discharged WWII Veterans, and used surplus building materials obtained from a number of government agencies. The building was completed in 1948 and has been the home of Post 31 since that time. Activities held in the new building, such as movies and dances with live bands, constituted some of the first entertainment in Boulder City.

One of the most popular events put on by Post 31 is the well-known Fourth of July celebration and parade known as the "Damboree." A symbol of the service to and involvement with the community, the parade is still popular, with the American Legion Post 31 Color Guard leading the event every year.

Post 31 continues to give dedicated service the community and the military. They reintroduced the blue star program used in the Second World War so that families may show a banner in their windows when they have someone

in the active military. When conflicts began in Iraq and Afghanistan, Post 31 had beautiful metal signs made to display names of members of the military from Boulder City that are on active duty. These signs are on every light pole along Veterans Memorial Drive in Boulder City. Each month Post 31 collects used ink cartridges and old cell phones to raise money that goes toward the American Legion Legacy Fund, which helps educate children of members of the military who lost their lives during the present conflict in the Middle East.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize American Legion Boulder City Post 31 on the floor of the House today. I congratulate them for 87 years of contributions to the veterans and citizens of southern Nevada and thank them for their continued service.

CONGRATULATING JUDGE MARK CIAVARELLA, JR. AS HE IS NAMED "MAN OF THE YEAR" BY THE WILKES-BARRE FRIENDLY SONS OF SAINT PATRICK

### HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 9, 2006*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas Judge Mark A. Ciavarella, Jr., who is being honored by the Wilkes-Barre Friendly Sons of St. Patrick as their 2006 "Man of the Year."

A son of Mary Cunningham Ciavarella and the late Mark A. Ciavarella, Sr., Judge Ciavarella was born and raised in the East End section of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Following his graduation from St. Mary's High School, he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree with honors in history/government and pre-law from King's College. While at King's he attained membership in the Aquinas Honor Society.

He was awarded his Juris Doctorate degree from Duquesne University School of Law in 1975. While at Duquesne, he was inducted into the Order of Barristers, which is an organization that recognizes individuals who have attained outstanding achievement in appellate advocacy.

From 1975 until 1995, Judge Ciavarella maintained a private law practice in the City of Wilkes-Barre. He was a partner in the law firm of Lowery, Ciavarella and Rogers.

From 1976 until 1978, he served as solicitor for the City of Wilkes-Barre and from 1978 until December 31, 1995 he served as solicitor for the Wilkes-Barre City Zoning Hearing Board.

In November of 1995, he was elected to the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas and in November 2005, he was retained by the voters of Luzerne County for another 10-year term.

Judge Ciavarella was formerly a member of Wilkes-Barre Police Civil Service Commission; the pastoral council and finance committee of St. Therese's Church in Wilkes-Barre; Scranton Catholic Diocesan School Board; United Rehabilitation Services, Inc.; Wilkes-Barre Area School District Long Range Planning Committee; Wyoming Valley Catholic Youth Center Girls Co-Swim Coach and a member

of the board of directors of the Luzerne County Association for Retarded Citizens.

He also served as chairman of the Wyoming Valley Catholic Youth Center's Board of Directors and he was an assistant little league coach.

Judge Ciavarella is currently a member of the Wyoming Valley Catholic Youth Center's Board of Directors and the Wilkes-Barre Chapter of UNICO.

In addition to his duties handling criminal and civil judicial matters, he also serves as Luzerne County Juvenile Court Judge.

Judge Ciavarella is married to the former Cindy Baer. The couple has three children.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Judge Ciavarella on the occasion of this fine honor. Judge Ciavarella has served his community well both on the bench of the Luzerne County Court and in the many leadership roles he has undertaken with numerous civic organizations. The quality of life in the greater Wyoming Valley is made better due to the works of people like Judge Mark Ciavarella.

### TRIBUTE TO SHANNON ALLEN

### HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 9, 2006*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Shannon Allen for her heroic actions Wednesday, January 25, 2006 at Rayburn Elementary School in McAllen, Texas.

At approximately 2:00 pm on Wednesday, an intruder entered the Rayburn Elementary School where Mrs. Allen is the Principal. Maria Tovar, the academic coordinator, escorted the intruder to the administrative office for failure to have a school identification card. Mrs. Tovar discovered the intruder was carrying a handgun and instructed him to place the weapon in a nearby waste basket. Mrs. Allen was informed of the situation and initiated a lock down of the entire school via code over the intercom. When Mrs. Allen approached the intruder he became agitated and attempted to reach for the loaded and cocked handgun in the waste basket. Mrs. Allen, out of concern for the safety of her students and staff, tackled the intruder to prevent him from retrieving the gun.

Mrs. Allen was able to restrain the intruder with the assistance of Coach Jason Duon and custodian Joe Rico. Seconds later, Officer Ed Perez handcuffed and placed the intruder in custody.

Mr. Speaker, Shannon Allen endangered her life to protect her students and staff at Rayburn Elementary School. Given her heroic actions, I rise to honor Shannon Allen.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM "JACK" GENTRY ON EARNING THE BEN FRANKLIN AWARD

### HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 9, 2006*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Jack

Gentry, the winner of the Benjamin Franklin Community Newspaper and Postal Partnership Award of Excellence.

Nominated for this award because of his commitment to provide top-notch customer service, it is an honor to highlight the Florida postmaster's excellence on the floor today.

It is encouraging to learn of the many lengths Mr. Gentry would reach to ensure reliable delivery of the community's newspapers.

Rather than going through the everyday motions of his postal route, Jack helped improve the delivery system—even making it more efficient.

I am sure the members of the community who benefit from Mr. Gentry's dedication to quality service are as thrilled as I am he will be recognized for his great work.

Mr. Gentry will receive this award today at the Library of Congress. I commend him for his work ethic and commitment to community newspapers.

### HONORING THE RANDOLPH-CLAY RED DEVILS

### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 9, 2006*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Cuthbert, Georgia is a small, rural community, six hundred and sixty-nine miles from the U.S. Capitol. It is home to a rich agrarian tradition, the oldest known pecan tree in the state of Georgia and a high school basketball team known as the Red Devils, who on March 1, 2006, did something that they hadn't done in over three years. They lost a game.

Yet I rise today, not in recognition of this inconsequential loss, but in honor of the remarkable team that won ninety straight games, breaking the Georgia High School Association's record for the most consecutive wins and inspiring a community to believe in the impossible.

For forty-four years, Coach Joe Williams has led the Randolph-Clay Red Devils to 964 wins and six state titles. His focus on aggressive, man-to-man defense has forced his players to test their limits and grow as competitors, at the same time that he has molded boys into a team of men that every young player in Cuthbert dreams of playing for.

For three years the Red Devils have dominated every court that they have taken, winning nearly all of their games by double figures, including a 100-30 victory over Central Talbotton. Yet they took every game seriously, stating simply, "We play basketball."

As long as high school basketball is played in the state of Georgia, teams will attempt to duplicate the Red Devils' history-making streak. But they won't succeed; because, while they will emulate their style of play, it is impossible to capture the passion and the ability that has defined these exceptional young men and the dream that they have made legend.

Therefore, here in this hallowed hall, I rise on behalf of the people of Cuthbert, the Second Congressional District and the state of Georgia to honor the extraordinary accomplishment of Coach Williams and the Randolph-Clay Red Devils. You have inspired us all.